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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph [00026] to read as follows:

Referring to FIG. 1 of the drawings, a first manifold plate or junction plate 20 is shown having a plurality of cylindrical apertures 37 for connection of male coupling members 42 thereto. Typically, at least two male coupling members are attached to the first junction plate, which is typically the rear junction plate. A male hydraulic line is connected to one end of each male coupling ~~number~~ member 42 while the other end of each male coupling member is configured to mate with female coupling member 41 and establish fluid flow therebetween. The second manifold plate or junction plate 21 includes a plurality of cylindrical apertures 38 for connection of female coupling members 41 thereto. In a preferred embodiment, the second manifold plate is the front plate. Various means may be used to connect the male and female coupling members to the junction plates, as is well known in the art.

Please amend Paragraph [00036] to read as follows:

Although the illustrated embodiment shows the invention used with subsea hydraulic couplings, the present invention may be used with many other coupling devices including, but not limited to, electrical connectors, pneumatic connectors, vacuum connections, fiber optic cable connectors, non-hydraulic fluid connectors and the like. Moreover, the application of this invention is not limited to the subsea environment. It can be used to advantage on the surface, as well. In addition to manifold plates, it can be used to axially position any number of devices including, by way of example, control pods, flying leads (i.e., lead to lead), lead-to-manifold and lead-to-tree.